



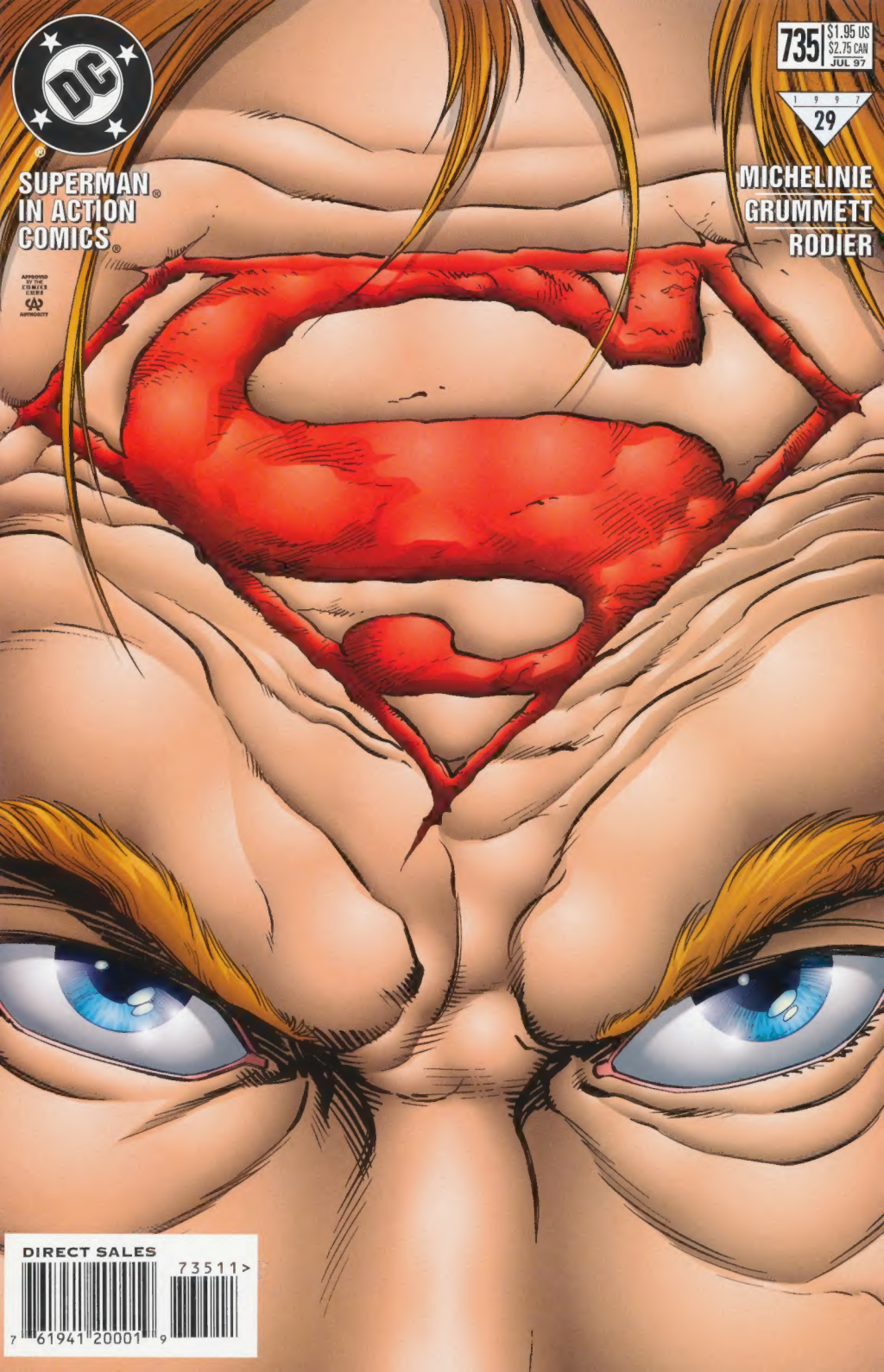
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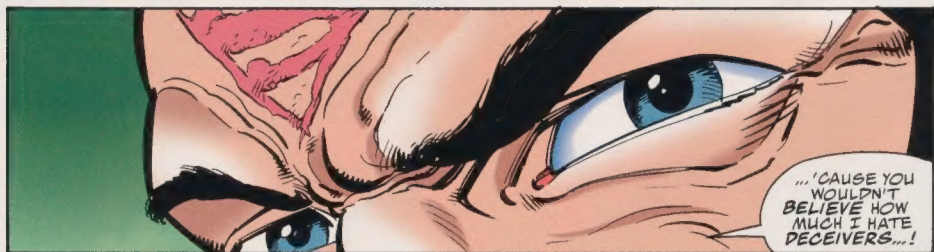
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WHAT DID
WHITTY
SAY?

TWO DOGS--
ONE MUSTARD,
ONE KRAUT.

THAT'LL
BE THREE
BUCKS,
BUDDY!

NOT EXACTLY
GOURMET
FARE, BUT
LOIS LIKES
'EM.

HOT DOGS

HMM. NEVER MUCH CONSIDERED
WHAT I ATE BEFORE, BUT NOW
THAT I'M COMPLETELY HUMAN
WHEN I'M NOT SUPERMAN--

--I
WONDER
WHAT'S
IN THESE
THINGS?

NO TIME
FOR LUNCH,
CLARK--
MURDOCH'S
OUT!

RAMSEY
MURDOCH?

THE SAME!

I JUST HEARD
SOMEONE
BUSTED HIM
OUT OF S.T.A.R.
LABS LAST
NIGHT! *

"SAVIOUR?"

*ACTUALLY, IT WAS IN
ADVENTURES #548!

S.T.A.R. WAS
TRYING TO KEEP
IT QUIET; MUNCH;
TO AVOID
PANIC!



AND FOR GOOD REASON.

MURDOCH'S THE WORST EXAMPLE OF A SERIAL KILLER...



"...BRUTAL, FEARLESS, AND COMPLETELY SELF-RIGHTEOUS.

"HE'S OBSESSED WITH PUNISHING LIARS AND FRAUDS--



"--AND FIXATED ON SUPERMAN BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THE REAL SUPERMAN NEVER RETURNED AFTER BEING KILLED BY DOOMSDAY.

"HE WANTS TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE DECEPTION OF A 'FALSE' HERO!"



THAT MADMAN WILL GO THROUGH ANYTHING, ANYONE, TO GET TO ME! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM FIRST!

UHH... NOT A PROBLEM!

hnh?



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BLOCKS TO THE NORTH...

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THAT'S YOUR THIRD
BUCKET O' TURKEY!

... WAS THE
LATEST FROM
"SILVERCHAIR"!
AND NOW...

NO RUNNING

NO RUNNING
NO RUNNING
NO RUNNING
NO RUNNING
NO RUNNING

IF I ATE LIKE THAT, I'D PLUMP
UP LIKE A PARADE FLOAT!

'COURSE, I GUESS
WE SHOULD CARBO-
LOAD WHEN WE CAN. IT'S
NOT LIKE WE CAN CALL
DOWN FOR ROOM SERV-
ICE HERE.

YA LIKE IT?

BUT I FOUND
A WAY TO SNEAK
IN. IT'S A GOOD
PLACE TO HANG
WHEN YOU WANT
TO BE ALONE.
OR...

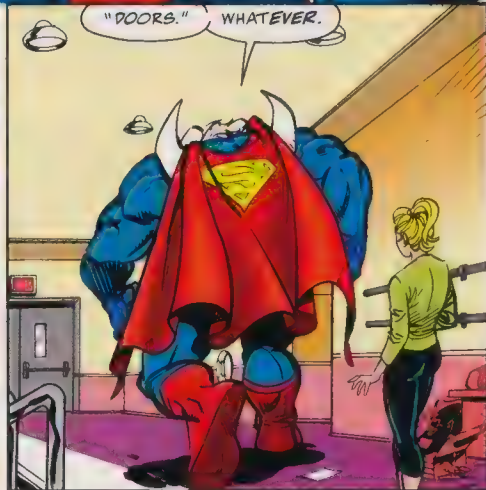
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FRIEND.

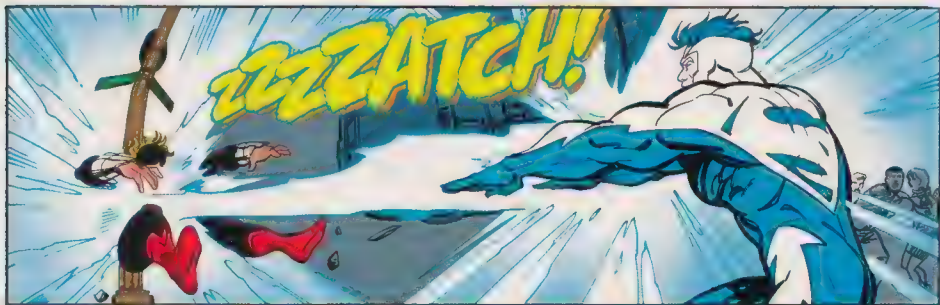
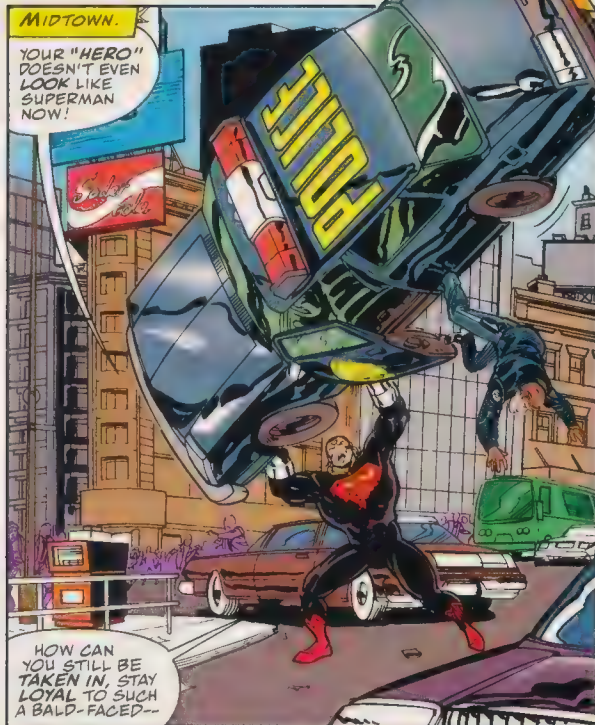
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PLACE IS GOOD,
ASHBURY.

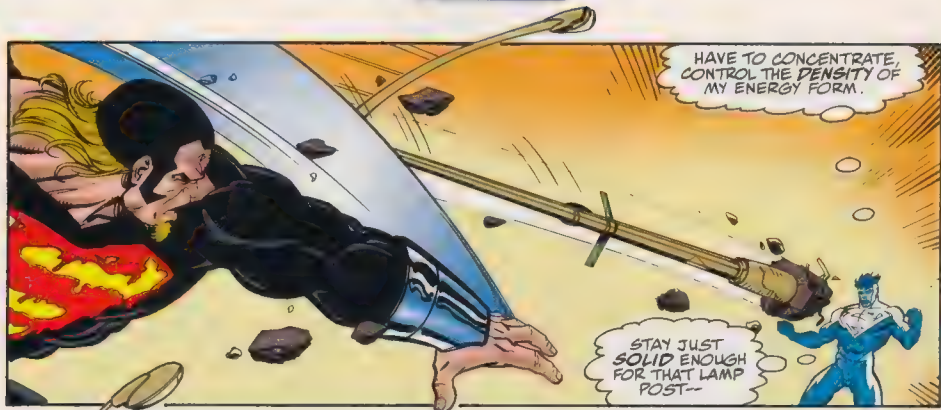
I GO TO SCHOOL
HERE. PHYS-ED DEPARTMENT
SHUT THE POOL DOWN
'CAUSE OF BUDGET CUTS.

YES.
FRIEND.

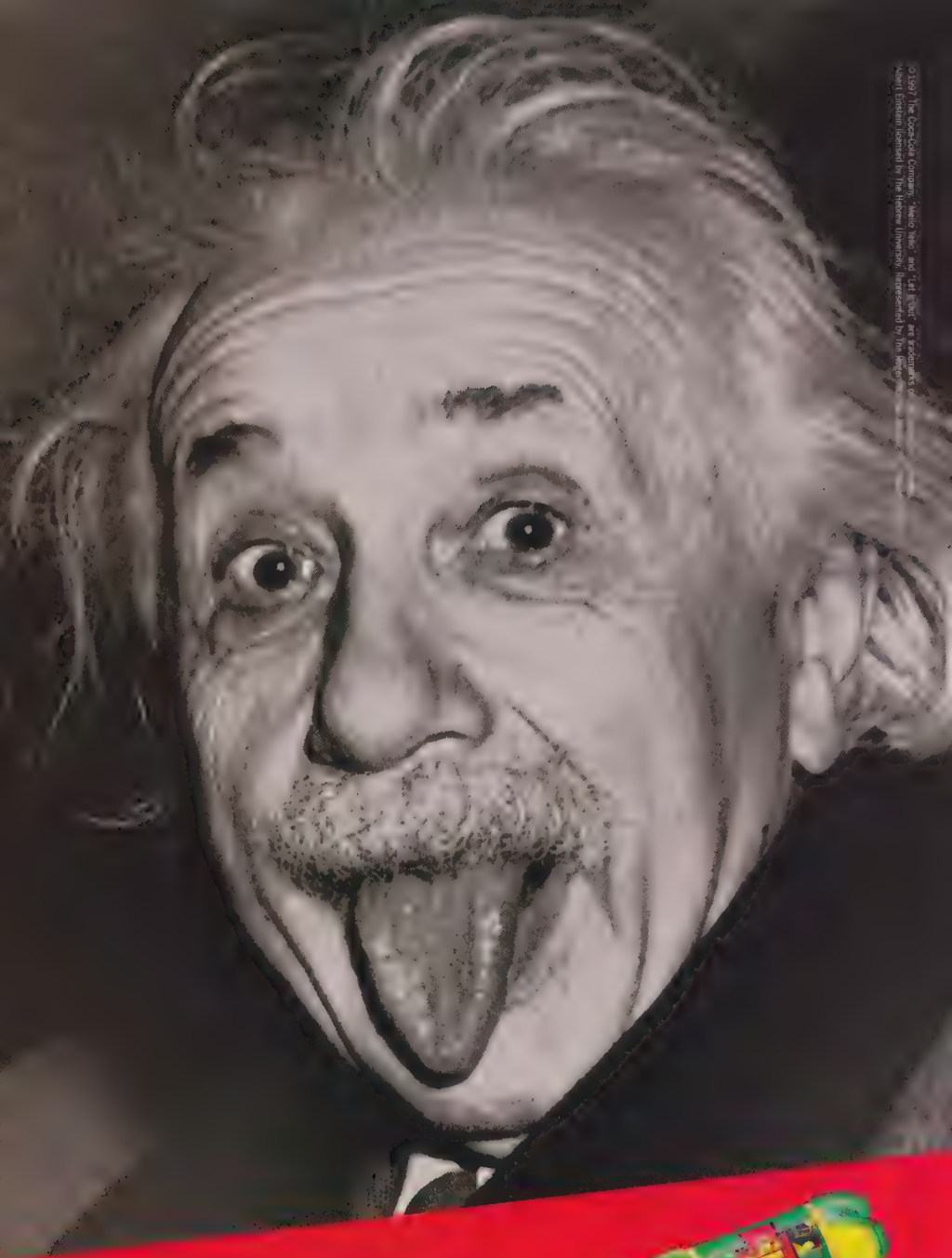
--LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE HAPPENIN'
IN METROPOLIS SQUARE, BOYS AN' BABES!
REMEMBER THAT SAVIOUR PSYCHO WHO
TRIED TO WHACK SUPERMAN A WHILE AGO?
WELL, HE'S BAAA-AAACK!







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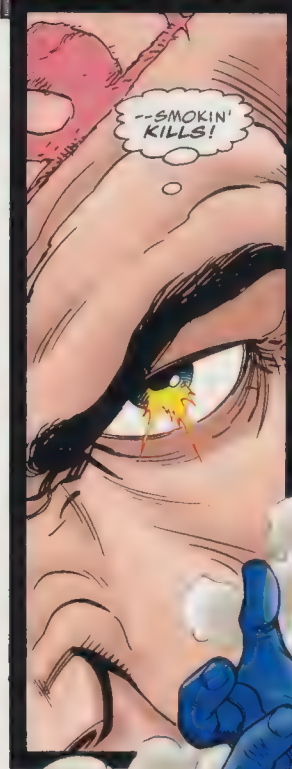
TWISTED FREAK'S GOT NERVE WEARIN' THE REAL SUPERMAN'S COSTUME!

BUT HE'S AS MUCH A FRAUD AS BLUE BOY! HE'S GOTT' BE PUNISHED! BUT--



--HOW?

YEAH, THAT'S IT! EVERYONE KNOWS--



--SMOKIN' KILLS!

!gag!
S-SMOKE! THICK!
FILLING MY LUNGS!
C-CAN'T !choke;--

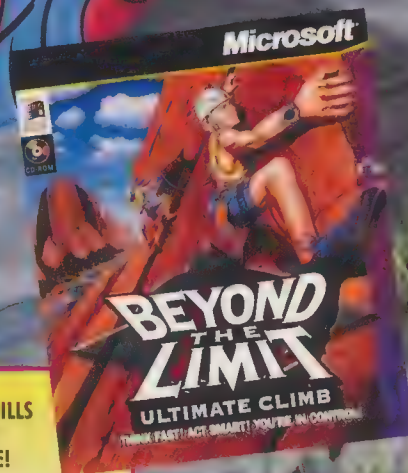


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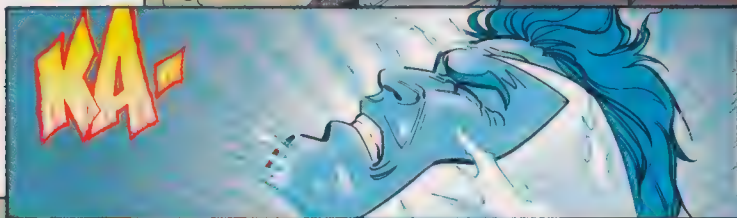
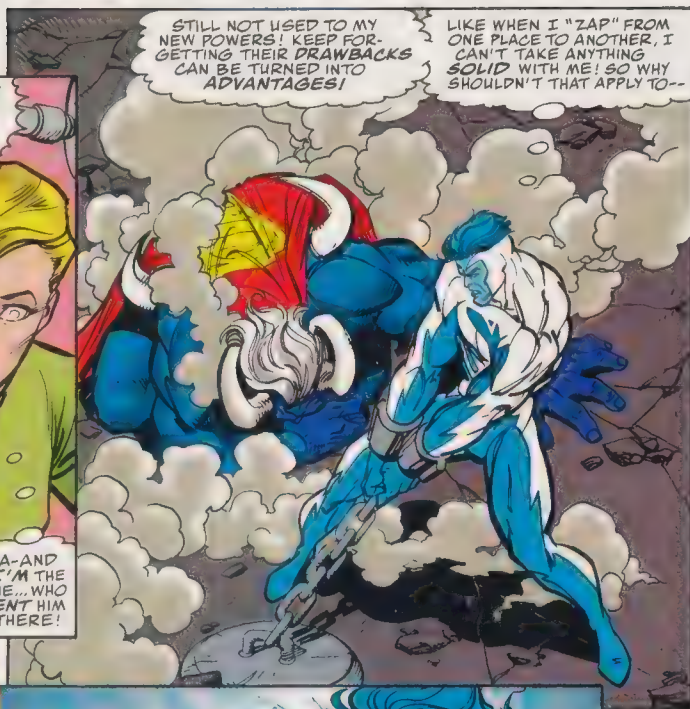
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QUICK BOLT OF
ELECTRICITY SHOULD KEEP
SAVIOUR OFF MY BACK--

--WHILE
I SEE TO
SCORN!

ZZAZAT!

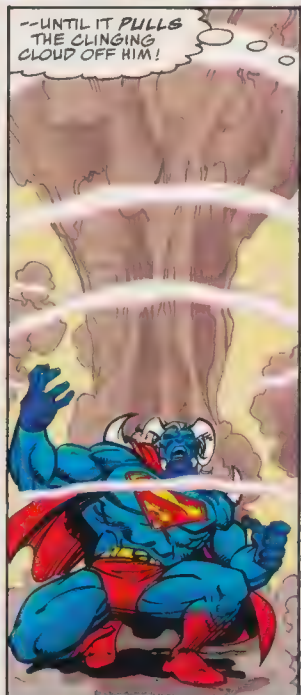


IN THE PAST, I'D
USE SUPER-BREATH
TO BLOW THE SMOKE
AWAY!

BUT WHAT
CAN I DO
WITH ENERGY
THAT WILL
HAVE THE
SAME
EFFECT?



GENERATE A
KINETIC VORTEX?
SURE! THEN
MANIPULATE IT
TO SWIRL LIKE A
TORNADO--



--UNTIL IT PULLS
THE CLINGING
CLOUD OFF HIM!



!KOFF!
YOU HELP
SCORN! !KOFF!
THANKS!

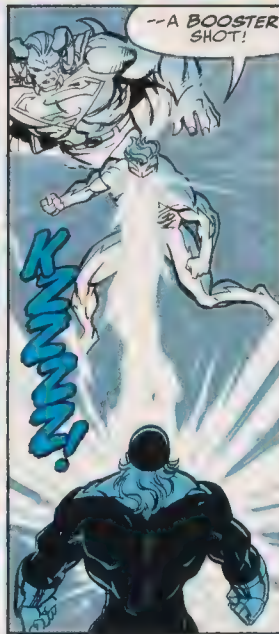
I WAS IN
KANDOR RECENTLY,
SCORN. I LEARNED
A LOT ABOUT WHAT'S
BEEN GOING ON
THERE WHEN THIS
CURRENT CRISIS IS
OVER--

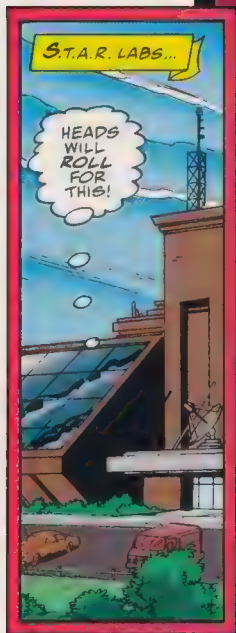
--WE
NEED TO
TALK!

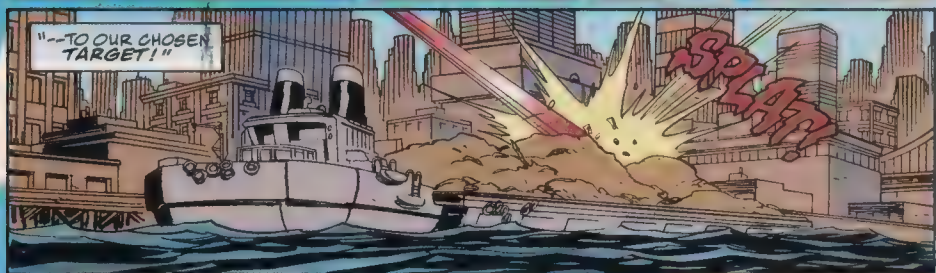
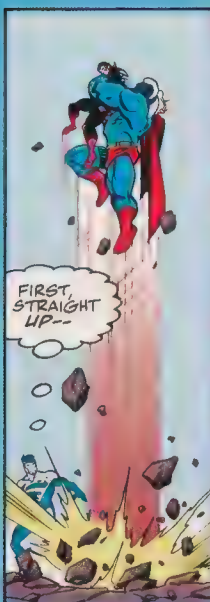


Don't
ask why.

We eat
what we
like.









I JUST
NEED A
WEAPON!
MAYBE...

...BROKEN
BOTTLE?



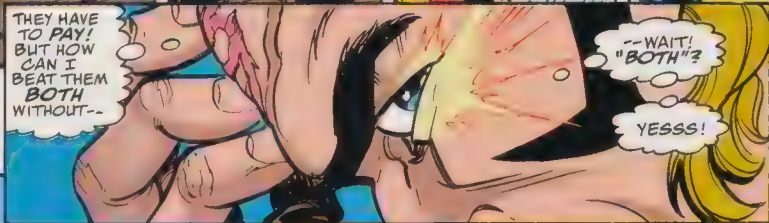
FEH! BIG
BROKEN
BOTTLE
IS JUST
STUPID!



SEA GULLS?
IF I COULD FLY,
LIKE THE REAL
SUPERMAN--!



NO!
FEATHERS
ARE TOO
SLOW!



THEY HAVE
TO PAY!
BUT HOW
CAN I
BEAT THEM
BOTH
WITHOUT--

--WAIT!
"BOTH"?

YESS!



TO DEFEAT
BOTH OF YOU--

--I'LL
BECOME
BOTH OF
YOU!



YOU HURT
WHEN I--

SCORN!
WAIT--!

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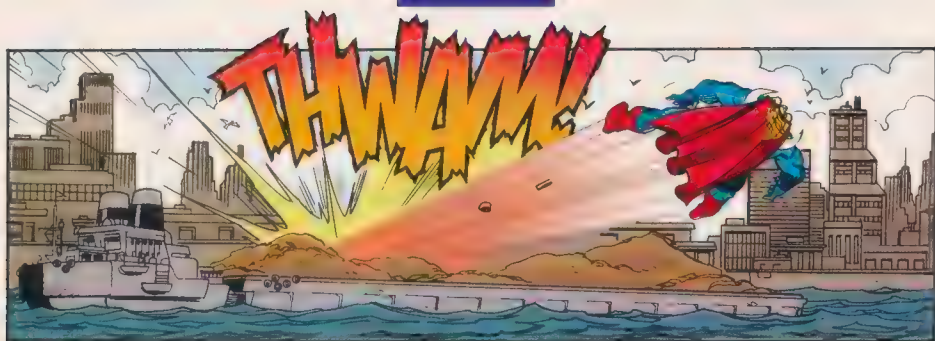
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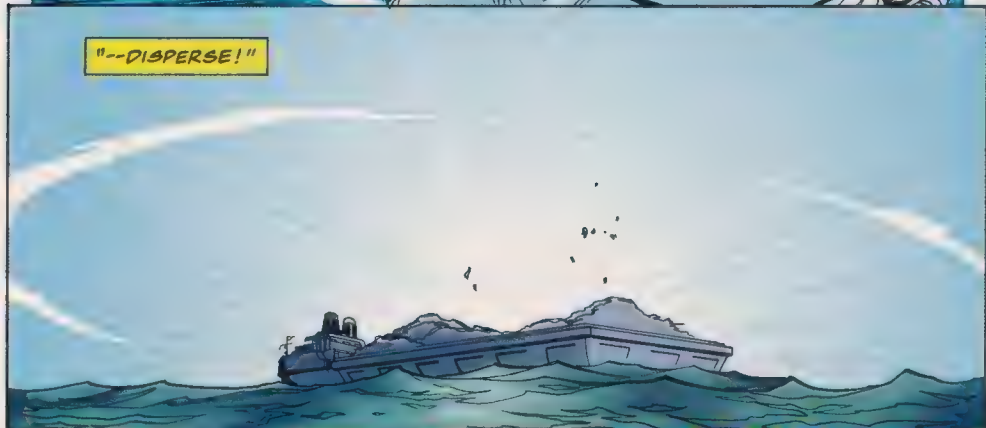
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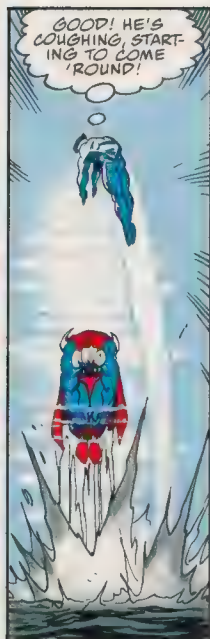
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ABOUT--

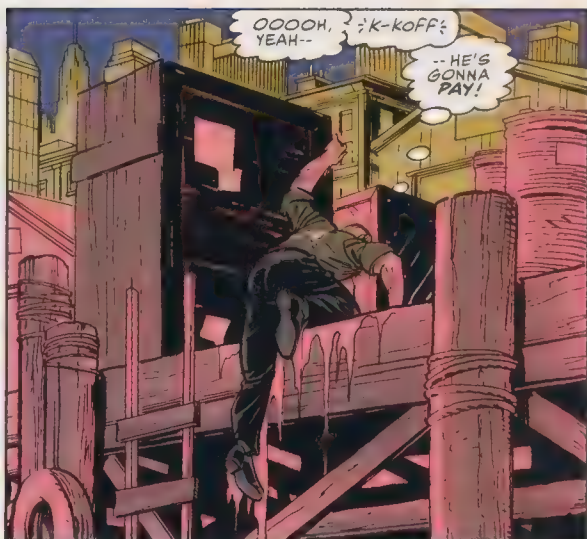
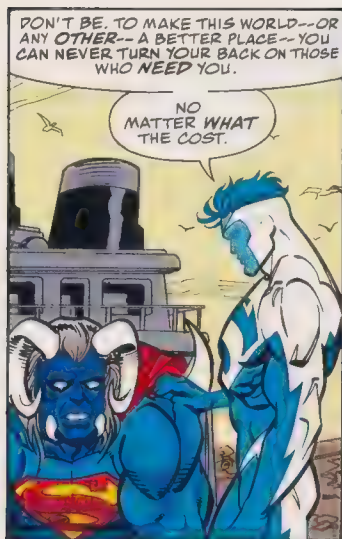


Something big is going down. Or should we say round 'n round? Eye-popping colors. New for you. Crunchberries have added purple and blue! Delicious morning, noon or when you just wanna chill—great Crunchberries taste will rock your milk. Now what are you going to do? Keep reading or... start eating!

New
Crunchberries
from
Cap'n
Crunch!

CRUNCH
BERRIES





Dear DC:

ACTION COMICS #729 was excellent! I'm so glad Tom Grummett is pencilling the book.

This issue may just look like another Superman adventure. Well, guess what? Superman has to face a being in subzero temperature Antarctica. He triumphs and...what? He stops breathing and his heart stops! But after a little CPR he lives again! And after triumphing, he's off to the Fortress, where he's abducted by Mister Miracle and Big Barda, and is now off to another adventure!

Oh, and Perry? Hang in there! Even if you die, we'll always have back issues!

BRIAN HALL
BALDWIN CITY, KS

Thanks, Brian, but y'know, I can't figure people out sometimes. We change Superman's costume, and just about the entire world thinks we've committed a sacrilege. But if we bump Perry off, it's no big deal? Sheesh...



Dear Super-Team (re ACTION COMICS #729):

Wait a minute — if I were a brilliant scientist and Superman came to me with a problem like not being able to regain his powers, and he passed by the bottle city of Kandor at exactly the same time the phase field around the bottle city began to fluctuate, then I would have had him simply walk by the bottle again to see if it would happen again. If it did, then I'd have surmised that somehow the field that normally surrounds his body had somehow shifted phase. This could explain the reaction of the creature at the arctic base and the fluctuation of the phase field around Kandor.

Since Superman's body absorbs the sun's radiation, his "field" being out of phase would block it. Therefore, the field is now preventing the sun's radiation from reaching his cells, or even possibly the field is actually dispersing the energy before it can reach his cells. So, the solution would be to somehow shift his field back into phase.

Oh well...just a guess.

I love seeing the Fortress again; we don't see enough of it. As for Clark, I don't think he would mind if he were no longer Managing Editor, which is what looks like is going to happen.

By the way, did Clark call his wife and tell her he was going to stop by the Fortress of Solitude on the way home? I know that if I don't tell my wife that I'm going by my secret crime-fighting hideout before I come home, I catch all grades of heck.

Oh, and lest I forget, I love Tom Grummett's artwork!

Thanks for listening.

ROY FLINCHUM
MT. AIRY, NC

Thanks, Roy, though it took us so many reads to comprehend your theories that now we're all late gettin' home! Not to

worry, though—we're all equipped with Baldy awards, to pacify those torqued loved ones waiting for us at home. They're a life-saver. Here, have one and see for yourself!



Dear Re:Action:

This first issue of the year is the best issue of ACTION COMICS I have seen in a long time! I have a few questions about this issue, though:

1. Was the strange energy creature Tolos trying to get back his bottle city of Kandor?

2. Does the field flickering around Kandor mean that Tolos is nearby?

I know that I am not the only one to ask these questions (I hope not, anyway). I hope that the creature is Tolos, because in my fourth (going on fifth) year of getting Superman comics, the Tolos story is the best one I've seen yet!

Keep up the good work!

ADAM DUCKER
PINEVILLE, AR

Thanks, Adam. You've probably pieced together now that the creature in ACTION #729 was not Tolos, who was brewin' all kinds of trouble from within the bottle city, which you could say was an indirect reason why the bottle was flickering.



Dear Superfolks:

The "Power Struggle" storyline is better than I thought it would be. ACTION #729 is a solid tale from beginning to end! I loved the cover (and the black outfit). Tom Grummett is still one of the best, and I'm glad he's back.

I just have one problem with this storyline: the idea of Superman losing his powers... again. SUPERMAN VS. ALIENS, THE FINAL NIGHT and "Power Struggle" are all good stories, but I wanna see Supes at full power very soon. He's not Superman without them. Anyway, I trust you guys will still deliver great stories as usual—as long as they involve Superman and not Super-"I have no powers"-man.

I just have three comments:

1. I want to see Lori and Clark together—temporarily.

2. The wedding was rushed, but good.

3. More sci-fi alien stuff.

That is all. Thank you for listening.

LESTER ROMEO
WHEATON, MD

P.S. The cartoon rules!

P.P.S. Do another WORLD'S FINEST with Steve Rude.

P.P.P.S. Make more cool villains.

P.P.P.P.S. Is Conduit dead?

Well, Supes is at full power again, Lester—he just doesn't have the same powers! As for your requests, the wedding has kinda dashed any hopes of puttin' Lori and Clark together any time soon. And more sci-fi stuff? Believe us—this upcoming year will more than deliver!

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As for your added requests, here we go: 1) We agree totally; 2) How's ELSEWORLD'S FINEST sound to you, brought to you this summer by John Francis Moore, ACTION alumnus Kieron Dwyer and Hilary Barta?; 3) More cool villains, comin' up!; and 4) Conduit's as dead as a comic-book character can be.



Dear Super-Team (re ACTION COMICS #729):

Thank you very much for yet another great book in the ongoing Superman saga. I was afraid the whole "Power Struggle" arc would just fill in some holes left over at the end of THE FINAL NIGHT, but I could not have made a bigger mistake. This really is fine work, reminding me nostalgically of the best moments in the "Dead Again" storyline. Michelinie, Grummett and Rodier's story and artwork were excellent (as always), with Perry and Clark's parallel fights against fate moving the story in a fast pace.

My deepest admiration, however, goes to the Digital Chameleon team, who made me look over and over at some of the pages of this issue. They surpassed themselves this time and proved to be real wizards.

Now, on the negative side (honestly, I am deeply sorry):

1) Why did you use this silly anthropomorphism of giving the energy being a "face," with "eyes" and even a "mouth"? Come on, guys—we're not watching Casper or a Disney picture with singing trees and talking mushrooms!

2) WHERE IS LOIS??? I waited decades (I have been reading Superman comics for over 30 years) for Lois and Clark to finally tie the knot. You gave us a nice, "genuine" wedding issue, to be cherished ever after (and already having received an honorary place on my bookshelves). You gave us a great honeymoon, with Lois acting as a female Schwarzenegger (and playing the part well) and saving Clark from the bad guys. You gave us romance and action. You gave us exactly what we wanted. And then what do you do? You send Clark back to work, doing (or trying to do) what he has to do. But we haven't heard from her since the honeymoon! Where is she? What is she doing? Washing the dishes and cleaning the house?

Dear Super-Team, is that all there is? No life after marriage? I WANT LOIS BACK! (And quickly, please!)

Keep the good stuff coming!

ALAIN VERSCHOREN
ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Sorry the creature features didn't work for you, Alain. As for Lois, she just had to wrap up some final things before resigning her post as the Daily Planet's foreign correspondent. She's back full-time now, so not to fret. (Though you might wanna start worrying about where Jimmy's headed pretty soon!)



Dear Re:Action:

It's been many months since I saw Superman's black restoration suit. (Actually, most recently on Lois & Clark. In the comics, though, it was MAN OF STEEL #25. Time sure flies.) I enjoyed seeing the suit again on the cover of ACTION #729, in the closing pages of the "Generator X" segment of "Power Struggle."

I almost thought the creature was a bad spirit, sort of like the one released in the mine in Stephen King's *Desperation*. Fortunately, the depowered Kal-El was smart, and with the help of Doctor Becker he was able to broadcast it into outer space. I suppose we'll see the energy creature again, perhaps retransmitted back through Area 51's radar (the back cover gave me that idea).

I felt really sad seeing how Perry White looked from his chemo. I guess I felt a similar feeling when Pa Kent almost died in the classic ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #500. Perry, like Pa, is a fighter, and I'm hopeful he will recover. At least over in SUPERMAN ADVENTURES, Perry is full of energy.

I wonder if my grandma's chicken noodle soup would help Clark. That's a nasty virus stunting his powers. I'll have to ask her to send Clark some soup—that is, if he makes it back from the Boom Tube. I wonder what Big Barda and Mister Miracle have planned? I guess I'll just have to see what the mail brings me, because another comic book store closed in my area. I'm thankful for subscriptions.

ALLEN KLINGELHOETS
BARRON, WI

Thanks, Allen. Perry's cancer is now in remission, but no amount of chicken soup could have cured what was aiiiin' Clark (unless it were doused with yellow sun radiation). However, you could have Grandma send us some at the DC offices, just to verify its medicinal value, of course...

—Mike McAvennie
In mourning at my "Funeral for a Gallbladder"

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This month's cover by Tom Grummett, Denis Rodier and Patrick Martin was marred terribly by another Mike McAvennie pun, but hey, it's a disease. (Perhaps Grandma Klingelhoets's chicken soup is the cure!)



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